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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to my late grandmother, my parents, my better half …to everyone who helped shape me into the person that I am.

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Preface

This book is prefaced by a quotation from William Faulkner. *He says, "if a story is in you , it has to come out"* . As per his idea, a story should be seen in its original or written form .likewise, a poet has many stories or concepts for which he also gives them a concrete shape in the form of words .He uses a figurative language in which one can find connotation, not denotation. Comparably, in the book, "A Step Towards Heaven", I used the figurative language as well .With the help of figurative or metaphorical language one's poetry is embellished or exaggerated. In this book, I tried my pen in the field of Free verse and Haiku because I found these two genres easy to express my feelings or inner thoughts .

As it is said that poetry is evocative, my poetry is also filled with this element. To compose any piece of writing, it is not everyone's cup of tea.

This is enervating and tedious task. However, there is a possibility for those who are erudite and researchable because research is a vital part of the writing process.

To sum up, I can say that this book may guide everyone how to live in this world as the book emphasizes spiritualism rather than materialism

Suggestions for improvement are always welcome.

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THE WALL OF HATRED

O man you have patently many names like me

Nevertheless, I am border free

I cross the Radcliffe

I come from Pir Panjal,

Kiss the lands of Bandipora

And Muzaffarabad

But it is solely you

Who draw a line of hostility?

And mend the wall of hatred.

OLD PAPER AND NEW PEN

Now the eyes are bullets

And arms are logs

Now the trendy characters have come

To embellish the ephemeral world

Now Laila and Majnoon are Laila Majnoon

They crossed all the boundaries of modesty

And entered the circle of fire

Carrying the world in their hands!

SLAVERY

Man is innocent but slavery makes him rustic

No one is free from servitude

Some are slaves to use metres in their poems

Some are uxorious

Some are concubines

Man is innocent but slavery makes him rustic

Some are slaves to their feudal lords

Some are smoky children

Some are Helots

Man is innocent but slavery makes him rustic

Some are slaves to their smoky souls

Some are sex traffickers

Some are techno slaves

Man is innocent but slavery makes him rustic

PAPERY BANK

O man, your good deeds are no less than a crock of gold

Drop your opulence of doings into your papery bank

And forget each and every penny

You dropped into the bank

By doing so ,

You will become a dropper

Not stopper !

THE DOOR OF SUCCESS

O man, knock the door of success

With the stick of diligence

O man, do not let the river of desires be flown

But water the plant of soul

And look at your success!

COIN

You are the earth, O man

Where the seeds of nettle are sown

You are the earth over O man

Where the scents of Basil are flown

But not at once!

THE DEVIL BE NOT PROUD

O the creature of frailness

On what grounds do you have arrogance?

In spite of being a guileful and invisible worm

There is the germ of an idea

That blows you out of water

And you can never defeat it

It is not the river of menstruation

But it is the water of rain

That nourishes the seed of credence

And yields the fruit of success!

QUATRAIN

O you bride remind the tips

Raise your hands eat your chips

Lots of people lost their lives

Heavy quilts are your lips

SHACKLED MIND

In this wild world

Everyone is in trouble

Everyone is fish out of water

Everyone is revolving around

The pivot of tension

There is sparseness in everyone

Everyone seems to be happy

But they are unrejoiced

They are sailing

In the boat of fire

That is all owing to

Their desirous soul!

WORLD'S SCREEN

I am not non-living

I am a living thing

I can remove the clothes of people

But I have a prime need of your foolish finger!

SCREEN ADDICTION

O man you had become addicted of hangover

But now this is hackneyed

Try something new

Be screen addicted

So that you can become the master of obscenity!

ELASTIC TONGUE

Like Chameleon

He has an elastic tongue

But has repentance!

THE PROUD MAN

Man has thread-like breath

Azrael is ready to cut

Then why has he pride?

LAVISH CHILD

Candle burns at both ends

Father tears by day and night

Child spends lavishly!

THE WOMAN WORM

When screen had not come

There were bookworms in the past

Woman worms crawl now!

THE BRAIN OF TRAIN

After traveling

Everyone gets off the train

Then why gossiping?

LUST IS DUST

Pond-like emotions

That may lead to the heavens

Why Eros and Nymph?

THE WORLD OF WATER

Why stony O man?

In triangle or circle

The world of water

THE DEVILISH WORLD -

Cloud of flies stick to

The web of devilish world -

Swarm of honey bees!

QUOTES

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1: Anger is the opposite of patience and patience is the ability to put up with negative criticism.

2: Anger is something to be done against someone's intimate will.

3: Art is the transformation of things from one form to another, after getting aesthetic sensibility stimulated.

4: As a sound heart has a sound thought.

5: Ask those who have scoliosis or kyphosis if you want to know the importance of backbone.
6: Evocation is the prosperity of poetry.

7: Fear is the knocking of the door of heart with the stick of unexpected happening.

8: If you are free from foul eyes, you can win the house of heart. If you are free from stealthy hands, you can enter the rooms of the house of heart.

If you are free from impertinence, you can be the guest of the house of heart.

9: In the end, Man comes after war to the same situation that was before war. So, why does Man become ruthless?

10: Language is skill and skill is transferred or taught. When skill is transferred or taught, obviously language is transferred or taught as well.

11: Late comers are late buyers.

12: Leave over thinking and be serene.

13: Man is innocent but slavery makes him rustic.

14: Naivety is the main cause of hardship and hardship is the main cause of compulsion.

15: One, who does not have the fear of creator, has absolutely the fear of creation.

16: Pain is a bridge between body and soul.

17: Talk on time so that your self-respect will be firm and stable.

18: The secret of sadness is the hearing of unwanted message.

19: The undisturbed condition in the world of men and mind is nothing but peace.

20: When someone repeats their mistakes while lecturing, they do not know the same properly.

21: Where there is inferiority complex, there is jealousy.

22: You must achieve such a deferential status that someone be in queue for you.

23: Sleep is the second form of death. In sleep, sleepers travel in the spiritual world rather than the material world .I mean their heart pumps the blood and pulse rate is measured in bpm (beats per minute) but they can neither talk nor see when they are asleep .Instead, they can see inwardly.

24: You must be savvy like snow but not be violent like rain.

25: Respect every artist so that you can get the best.

26: It is only your mother because of whom you see the two worlds at once.

27: Laziness is the cause of loss or loss is the result of laziness.

28: Sick person is half-dead.

29: Where there is negative conditional clause in the negative sense with the past tense, there is repentance. Where there is positive conditional clause in the negative sense with the past tense, there is also repentance. Where there is negative conditional clause in the positive sense with the past tense, there is repentance as well.

30: If you hang on to the rope of love, you will be the conquerors of the world.